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SUMMARY: PRC TREATMENT OF THE ROMANIAN 30TH ANNIVERSARY UNDERSCORED THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE PEKING CURRENTLY ATTACHES TO RELATIONS WITH BUCHAREST. VIEWING ROMANIA AS A SIGNIFICANT COUNTERWEIGHT TO THE SOVIETS, CHINA SEEMS PLEASED WITH THE WARMTH OF THE BUCHAREST RECEPTION ACCORDED THE PRC DELEGATION LED BY VICE-PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN. END SUMMARY.

1. ON THE OCCASION OF THE ROMANIAN 30TH ANNIVERSARY, MAO TSE-TUNG, CHU TEH, AND CHOU EN-LAI JOINTLY SENT A FRATERNAL CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THEIR ROMANIAN COUNTERPARTS WHICH DECLARED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE "FORGED A PROFOUND REVOLUTIONARY FRIENDSHIP AND A RELATIONSHIP OF CLOSE CO-OPERATION." AT A TIME WHEN CHINA SEEKS CLOSER TIES WITH

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BUCHAREST AS A COUNTER TO MOSCOW, THE PEKING MESSAGE

PLEDGED FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE FRATERNAL ROMANIAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE AND CONTINUING EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE "REVOLUTIONARY FRIENDSHIP AND MILITANT UNITY" OF THE TWO PARTIES, COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, HEGEMONISM AND IN SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION. THE LAST PUBLISHED CHINESE MESSAGE IN 1972--WHEN SINO-ALBANIAN RELATIONS WERE WARMER--WAS MORE MILDLY TONED AND MERELY PROCLAIMED THE CHINESE AND ROMANIAN PEOPLE'S MUTUAL SYMPATHY, SUPPORT AND HELP IN THE STURGGLE TO OPPOSE IMPERIALISM AND BUILD SOCIALISM.

2. IN PEKING, VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING AND WU TEH HEADED THE CHINESE TURNOUT TO THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY CELEBRATIONS. THE UNDERLYING ANTI-HEGEMONY, ANTI-SOVIET THEMES OF THE PRC LEADERS' STATEMENTS WERE ECHOED STRONGLY IN A PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL OF AUGUST 22 MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY. THE EDITORIAL STATED THAT SINO-ROMANIAN FRIENDSHIP " CAN STAND ANY TEST" AND APPLAUDED THE ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND GOVERNMENT STANCE IN OPPOSING THE "THREAT OF FORCE OF ANY KIND." IT ADDED THAT THE "JUST STAND AND FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE WHO DEFY BRUTE FORCE, RESOLUTELY RESIST THE PRESSURE FROM OUTSIDE AND HEROICALLY DEFEND THEIR SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE" HAS WON WIDE SUPPORT. A COMPANION PIECE OF THE SAME DAY IN NCNA PRAISED CEAUSESCU AND THE ROMANIAN RESISTANCE TO PRESSURES DESIGNED TO COMPEL BUCHAREST'S ABANDONMENT OF A POLICY OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE.

3. PERHAPS INDICATIVE OF CHINA'S PLEASURE WITH THE BUCHAREST RECEPTION FOR ITS DELEGATION WAS THE PRC VICE-PREMIER'S EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO HIS ROMANIAN HOSTS FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY. PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU HAD TALKS WITH THE PRC'S VICE-PREMIER ON TWO OCCASIONS, THE FIRST ON THE SAME MORNING AS LI'S ARRIVAL, AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON TE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND THE STRENGTHENING OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. (SOVIET PRIME MINISTER KOSYGIN, REPORTEDLY MET WITH THE ROMANIAN PRESIDENT BUT ONCE.) THE ROMANIANS' SEEMINGLY COOLER, YET CORDIAL AND CORRECT RECEPTION FOR MOSCOW'S REPRESENTATIVE KOSYGIN, PROBABLY WAS EQUALLY WELL RECEIVED BY PEKING.

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